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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003 (Paper No. 20), and Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2004 in regard to the above-identified patent application. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully solicited in light of the following amendment and remarks. This supplemental amendment is being filed in conjunction with an Appeal Brief, and the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the proposed amendment to remove items from appeal.

Please amend the Application as follows: